

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 1423

By Mr. Brownell of Quincy, petition of Thomas F. Brownell and another for legislation to make certain birth records available for genealogical research. Government Regulations.

## **The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-One.

### AN ACT CONCERNING OPENING BIRTH RECORDS FOR GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 2A of chapter 46 of the Genral Laws, as  
2 appearing in section 4 of chapter 486 of the Acts of 1976, is hereby  
3 amended by adding after the word "conservator," in line 12, the  
4 following words: — or members of legally incorporated genealogi-  
5 cal societies.

1 SECTION 2. Said section is hereby further amended by adding  
2 after the first sentence, the following sentence: The provisions of  
3 this section shall not apply to such records, returns or notices  
4 recorded or filed prior to seventy years before the date on which the  
5 examination is requested.

